Amendment No. 1 to HB1196

<u>Jernigan</u> Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 454*

House Bill No. 1196

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 4, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

- (a) Notwithstanding § 4-4-104 and any other law to the contrary, venue for a civil action is the county where the plaintiff resides, or if more than one (1) plaintiff is a party to the action, a county where any plaintiff resides, if the civil action:
 - (1) Challenges the constitutionality of a state:
 - (A) Statute;
 - (B) Executive order; or
 - (C) Administrative rule or regulation;
 - (2) Includes a claim for declaratory judgment or injunctive relief; and
 - (3) Is brought individually, jointly, or severally against a state department or other state entity, commissioner, or official.
- (b) If the plaintiff in a civil action under subsection (a) is not a resident of this state, then venue for the civil action is in Sumner County.
- (c) This section applies only to civil actions brought solely against the entities or one (1) of the entities specified in subdivision (a)(3).
- SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.